

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner For Patents  
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**Request for Reconsideration**

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2004. Claims 1, and 4-33 are currently pending. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claims 9-16 and 21-33 are withdrawn. Claim 1 has been amended.